IDEA Fiscal Updates: May 12, 2015

Medicaid MAC Payments Scheduled for May 19, 2015

The Department of Health Services will make Medicaid Administrative Claim (MAC) payments for the 2013-14 school year on May 19. All agencies that certified their MAC payment prior to May 8 will receive a payment on May 19. Agencies that did not certify in time will receive their payment at a later date.

MAC and Cost Settlement payments or recoupments are to be coded to fund 10. For additional information on coding Medicaid, please see:
http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/medicaid-coding-ta.pdf

Modified Special Education Licensure Audits for 2014-15

Due to the ongoing transition of DPI licensure and staff reporting to new online systems, the "No Valid License" information provided to auditors as part of the Special Education Audit Program will not be available for audits of the 2014-15 school year. A modified audit procedure involving manual licensure testing will be used. The procedure replaces the licensure testing portions of the Special Education Audit Program – all other sections of the audit program remain in place. With the modified procedure, auditors will be verifying licensure for a sample of LEA staff. LEAs able to document staff who applied for the proper license in 2014-15 but have not yet received it will be deemed in compliance with the licensure requirement.

The audit program modification is available in the Audit Manual Index at http://sfs.dpi.wi.gov/sfs_aud_list under "Chapter 4 Special Education." Contact Daniel Bush at daniel.bush@dpi.wi.gov or 608-267-9212 with any questions.

IDEA Budget Overview and CEIS Set-Aside Webinars Scheduled

Introduction to IDEA Budget Software
Tue, May 12, 2015 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM – Reg Link:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4523705663445309954
> During the 2015-16 school year, LEAs will continue to use the IDEA budget software accessed through the Special Education Web portal. This session will be an overview of the budget software system for those who are new to the software. The speaker will review setting up a new year, adding and editing users, the assurance authorization process, adding carryover and budget items, the review process and claiming.

Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS Set-Aside under IDEA)
Wed, May 27, 2015 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Reg Link:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7949001043317633538
Thu, May 28, 2015 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM – Reg Link:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2615804499627387650
> During the 2015-16 school year, LEAs will continue to use the IDEA budget software accessed through the Special Education Web portal. However, changes have been made to the CEIS set-aside option. Changes include a new narrative, expanded allowed costs, options for carry over, and more defined guidance on which students are counted for purposes of CEIS reporting.